

No. 257

AN ACT

HB 2157

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing that flags, belts, apparel and devices supplied to school safety patrols, school police officers, and special school police be visible both day and night.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 510, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read:

Section 510. Rules and Regulations; Safety Patrols.—The board of school directors in any school district may adopt and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and proper, regarding the management of its school affairs and the conduct and deportment of all superintendents, teachers, and other appointees or employes during the time they are engaged in their duties to the district, as well as regarding the conduct and deportment of all pupils attending the public schools in the district, during such time as they are under the supervision of the board of school directors and teachers, including the time necessarily spent in coming to and returning from school.

In the exercise of this authority the board of school directors is empowered to organize school safety patrols and, with the permission of the parents, to appoint pupils as members thereof, for the purpose of influencing and encouraging the other pupils to refrain from crossing public highways at points other than at regular crossings, and for the purpose of directing pupils not to cross highways at times when the presence of traffic would render such crossing unsafe. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or permit the use of any safety patrol member for the purpose of directing vehicular traffic, nor shall any safety patrol member be stationed in that portion of the highway intended for the use of vehicular traffic. No liability shall attach either to the school district, or any individual director, superintendent, teacher, or other school employe, by virtue of the organization, maintenance, or operation of a school safety patrol organized, maintained, and operated under authority of this section.

All flags, belts, apparel and devices issued, supplied or furnished to pupils or persons acting in the capacity of school safety patrols, special school police, or special police appointed to control and direct traffic at or near schools, in order to enhance the conspicuity of such pupils or persons, shall be made from retro-reflective and fluorescent materials visible both day and night at three hundred (300) feet to approaching

motorists using lawful low beam headlights and shall conform to standards, specifications, or regulations issued by the State Board of Education.

Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1975 as to any new equipment purchased which shall meet the specifications of this act.

APPROVED—The 17th day of October, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 257.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.